

accordance with claims 32-93 renders Hedrick et al. unsatisfactory for its intended purpose. Further, Hedrick et al. do not teach the value of 2% by weight called for in claims 32-93. Moreover, Hedrick et al. teach away from the present invention by excluding amorphous materials. Accordingly, Hedrick et al. do not render claims 32-93 *prima facie* obvious.

IV. Conclusion re Rejections Over Prior Art

In conclusion, Abstract No. AN – 186004356 does not render claims 87-93 *prima facie* obvious. There is no suggestion of motivation to modify the Abstract in accordance with claims 87-93, and any modification in accordance with the claims renders the Abstract unsatisfactory for its purpose of a marble like material. In addition, the Abstract fails to teach all claim elements. For these reasons, the rejection of claims 87-93 should be withdrawn.

Similarly, Akao et al. and Hedrick et al. do not render claims 32-93 *prima facie* obvious. There is no suggestion or motivation to modify either reference in accordance with the claims. Further, modification of Akao et al. in accordance with claims 32-93 renders the reference unsatisfactory for its purpose of protecting light-sensitive materials, and modification of Hedrick et al. renders the reference unsatisfactory for its purpose of providing reinforced compositions with increased impact strength. Moreover, both references fail to teach all claim elements, and both teach away from claims 32-93. For these reasons, the rejection of claims 32-93 as obvious over Akao et al. and as obvious over Hedrick et al. should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested.

V. Reconsideration Of Citation Of Reference

Applicants received a responsive copy of PTO Form 1449 which had been submitted by the applicants by mail on November 22, 2002. The reference to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/322,211, filed May 23, 1999, had been stricken from

the form by the Patent Office. A Preliminary Amendment accompanied an Information Disclosure Statement supporting the citation of this prior application. The Preliminary Amendment stated in pertinent part:

For the sole purpose of examining the claims herein, Applicants request that U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/322,211, filed May 23, 1999, parent to the present continuation-in-part application and now abandoned, be considered as prior art except as to subject matter common to both applications which, therefore, enjoys the effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 of May 23, 1999. A copy of the application is not submitted herewith in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.98(d)(1). PTO Form 1449 is submitted under separate cover. All applicable presumptions and reservations pertinent to an information disclosure statement are incorporated herein.

With that admission of relevance, the prior application is believed pertinent and citation appropriate. Reconsideration is requested.

VI. Interview

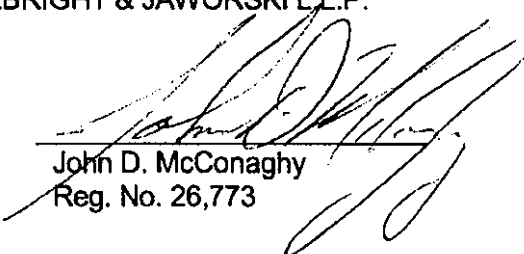
Applicants request the courtesy of an interview once this Response has been considered.

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